

WEATHER for Kentucky
Thursday Probably fair

HOPKINSVILLE KENTUCKY, THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1917.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Russian emperor was nicked.

Hogs made a new record Tuesday, going to \$15.10.

Now would be a good time for the Turks to holler 'nough.

The First Kentucky Regiment is due in Louisville tomorrow.

Uneasy lies the head on the shoulders of Constantine, of Greece.

If this thing keeps up a new General "Haig treaty" will soon be in order.

The Germans may be shortening their lines but they are lengthening their run.

If the French have passed Ham, as was reported Tuesday, they are going some.

Don't be surprised to see Turkey fly the Teuton coop and ask for a separate peace.

Evansville requires a license on bicycles and seven preachers have been called to law for riding unlicensed wheels.

A rumor reached the city Tuesday that the Kaiser had been assassinated, but it turned out that he was only exasperated.

In their advance in France, the British and French are nearing the line at Laon and are preparing to make good on the name.

At a Cabinet meeting Tuesday, the President was urged to call Congress to meet at once. The Cabinet favors a formal declaration that a state of war exists.

Tobacco dealers throughout the country are sending protests to Washington against the alleged intention of Congress to prohibit the sale of tobacco at army posts.

Although locked up by her parents, near Berea, Ky., Miss Beatrice Carter escaped from her room, joined her lover, W. H. Poe, and they were married in spite of opposition.

School boys in a Washington high school, headed by Harry Roper, son of Daniel C. Roper, removed the Kaiser's picture from the wall of the German class room and substituted that of President Wilson draped in two American flags.

Further important advances over a front of about 100 miles by the British and French armies in France and additional gains by the Russians and British over the Turks in Turkish Armenia, Persia and Mesopotamia, are the outstanding features in the war news today.

The Germans in their retreat from France are devastating the country, burning villages and destroying orchards and even blowing up farm lands in which great craters have been left by explosions. In addition, bridges have been destroyed and roads of communication cut. The inhabitants of the places evacuated are said to have been left destitute.

The Federal Trade Commission plans to supervise the sale and distribution of news print through a board of five members, one each from the manufacturers, jobbers, large publishers and the Trade Commission. Members of the commission just back from New York say the consumption threatens to outstrip the production of news print. In the meantime, jobbers are offering only half a cent reduction to consumers from their full stocks on hand, the latest quotation being 5 cents with transportation added.

Tuberculosis Of Lungs.

Mrs. Pearl Teague died at the Western State Hospital March 18th of tuberculosis of the lungs. She was 49 years old. Interment in the hospital burying ground Tuesday.

ALLIES NEAR ST. QUENTIN

French Cavalry Four Miles From Strong German Position.

14 VILLAGES CAPTURED

Berlin Explains Somme Withdrawal as Stratagem to Force Decision in Open.

London, Mar. 21.—"Despite the less favorable weather conditions," says the official report from British headquarters in France tonight, "we made considerable progress again along the greater part of the front of our advance south of Arras, and an additional fourteen villages have been cleared of the enemy."

"Our troops now have passed the general line of Canizy, Estree-en-Chausse Nurlu Velu, and St. Leger." British troops now are within 12 miles of St. Quentin.

French cavalry has advanced to within about four and a half miles of St. Quentin, one of the larger towns believed to be strongly defended by the Germans.

Further progress by the French is reported in the official statement of the war office issued, and considerable territory has been re-occupied between the Somme and the Aisne.

BERLIN'S EXPLANATION.

"The German evacuation of Bapaume, Roye, Noyon and Peronne is but a part of a great strategic undertaking which promises to revolutionize warfare on the entire western front and constitutes one of the most decisive moves in the war."

"Just as a month ago the Germans evacuated an important sector on the Aisne, but kept the fact secret for a week while the British bombarded the empty trenches, so today's report shows the most important developments of 1917 on any front. The sector including the evacuated cities virtually covers the great Somme battle front. Reports from this section of the front tell of effective work of destruction carried out before the occupied land was given back to the French and British, so that it will avail them nothing."

"With the enormous amount of enemy territory held by our troops," said a high German military authority, "there is no particular military significance attached to any special section of the enemy's territory. Therefore, we can give up a portion of the western front, secure our troops that freedom of movement needed and end trench warfare. That is what this really amounts to. We are now getting the enemy out of their trenches."

"The giving up of this portion of our front puts an end to all their finely laid spring offensive plans. Ever since November, hundreds of thousands of men have been at work building trenches, munition depots, railroads and cable lines to prepare for the biggest spring offensive of the war. Now at one blow all that is gone, for nothing. In the face of our withdrawal, all this is useless. Four months' work of millions upon millions of dollars in value has been rendered valueless while more important still all the enemy plans are likewise of no worth. They must make entirely new ones to cope with the new situation. This is a difficult matter, entailing weeks, yes months of work, and requiring an enormous quantity of new observation. Meanwhile the enemy is left at the mercy of our plans."

"It is most important to remember that the new positions we are taking up back of the old front are built with the aid of every possible device developed in two and a half years of warfare. The old positions were the result of the breaking off of unfinished offensive towards Paris. Many portions of our positions were held only with the greatest difficulty. The

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JUDGE REED ON BENCH

Hearing Some Unimportant Equity and Common Law Cases.

JUDGE BUSH DISQUALIFIED

By Connection With Them As An Attorney Last Year.

With Judge W. M. Reed, of Paducah, on the bench, circuit court is occupied this week with some matters in which Judge Bush was an attorney before his election.

The important case of Cravens against Merritt, a damage suit in which the former verdict was \$6,000, was set for re-trial, but this case has been continued till late in the term.

Yesterday some equity matters of minor importance were being heard and decided by Judge Reed.

OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Poultry Improvement Association Held Its Annual Meeting.

The Christian County Poultry Improvement Association held its annual meeting for the election of officers at the H. B. M. A. Monday night. The old officers were re-elected, viz.: Chas. M. Meacham, President; J. W. Stowe, Vice President, and B. D. Hill, Secretary and Treasurer.

Jas. A. McKenzie, P. B. B. Brooks, Lewis A. Waller and J. M. Neblett were taken in as new members.

Messrs. Brooks and McKenzie addressed the association, urging its co-operation in standardizing the county with White Wyandottes. They have undertaken to place 30,000 Wyandotte eggs in the hands of any breeders who will set them and pay \$1 any time between now and Nov. 1st, in money, or fowls or eggs at market prices. Most of the members agreed to place several settings of eggs and set some themselves. Arrangements have been made to get the eggs as they are needed.

T. J. Baugh, L. A. Waller and Mrs. Eloise Graves, were appointed a membership committee to secure new members. It was decided to have a mass meeting at the Avalon next Monday night to talk about White Wyandottes and Messrs. McKenzie and Brooks promised to have some White Wyandotte fowls on hand to let those present see them. Everybody is invited to this meeting.

PROMINENT MAN DIES.

Morganfield, Ky., Mar. 21.—William Marion Lanham, age 79, was found dead in his room at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Fenwick, Monday morning at 2:20 o'clock. His death was caused by Bright's disease, which developed heart complications. The death of Mr. Lanham came as a surprise to the community, as he had gone to church Sunday morning and had taken a walk in the afternoon. His wife died less than a month ago, Feb. 22.

Safe Get-away.

Seven prisoners overpowered the jailer at Birmingham, Ala., and escaped Tuesday morning. Three of the men were under death sentences. Two of them, David D. Overton, who killed Judge W. T. Lawler, at Huntsville, and Tony Malino, were killed by a posse next day and another wounded and captured. Four are still at large.

Mrs. Emily Hutchinson, a suffrage leader, aged 67, leaped to her death from a high window in New York.

SWAT THE FLY THE SLOGAN

Of The Civic League For A Clean And Healthy Town.

The Commissioners met Tuesday and devoted considerable time to the discussion of public health measures for the coming season. Committees were appointed by the Civic League to fight the house flies in an energetic swatting campaign, as the first step toward sanitation. The Commissioners approved this idea and promised to help and pass such ordinances as may be needed.

Other ordinances looking to a clean town were asked by the Civic League as follows:

Ordinance forbidding the hitching of horses where same is prohibited by sign posted by the property owner.

City to purchase borax and furnish it to persons not able to buy it themselves, this to be used in disinfecting stables.

Have all stables public and private, inspected at an early date.

See that livery stables, meat markets, etc., are supplied with fly traps and have same cleaned at regular intervals.

Require all owners of stables to have all refuse removed or treated with borax to disinfect it and kill the eggs of flies laid in same.

Also to provide for having dry garbage (no slops) deposited in metal cans at each residence and have this collected by the city and destroyed as often as possible.

60 CHASERS AND SPEED WARSHIPS

8-Hour Law Suspended In Naval Construction--Volunteer Crews Enrolled.

Washington, Mar. 21.—Preparation for aggressive action by the navy against the German submarine menace began Monday at the direction of President Wilson.

The President authorized the expenditure of \$115,000,000 emergency fund, provided by Congress to speed up naval construction and pay for special additional war craft, and the suspension of the eight-hour labor law in plants engaged on navy work.

Immediately afterward Secretary Daniels ordered the New York navy yard to begin building sixty submarine chasers of the 110-foot type, to be completed in from sixty to eighty days.

With the President's approval, the Secretary also ordered the graduation of the first and second classes at the Naval Academy.

The first class will go out on March 29, releasing 172 junior officers to fill existing vacancies, and the second in September, furnishing 202 more, a full year before they otherwise would be available.

MRS. HARRISON PASSES AWAY

Native of Todd County and Interment Took Place In Elkton.

Mrs. Mollie Harrison, wife of Mr. John H. Harrison, died Monday at her home, No. 304 O'Neal avenue. Death was due to complications. The deceased was about fifty years old and a member of the Christian church. She is survived by her husband, three daughters and one son. The remains were taken to Elkton and interred Tuesday.

Albert Malone and Nat C. Cureton, Jr., won appointments to Annapolis at Louisville, in competitive examinations. They must stand final examinations April 17.

CONGRESS HURRIED UP

President Wilson Moves Up the Date Two Weeks to April 2.

WAR TO BE DECLARED

If Congress Takes the Same View As the Cabinet Holds.

Washington, Mar. 21.—President Wilson today called congress to meet in extra session on April 2.

The purpose is to take action on the state of war which admittedly exists between the United States and Germany.

Congress probably will be asked to declare that a state of war has existed since some recent date, when the Germans submarines began conducting their most warlike operations against American commerce.

NEW ROAD TO GREENVILLE

Work Has Been Begun on Road From Greenville Into Seventh Street.

Work was begun yesterday on opening the new road from a point just outside the city on the Elkton or Fairview road, running north to a point on the Greenville road near Quarles' grocery. It will be 30 feet wide and the work is being done under the contract of Montgomery, Perkins & Co. and the road will become an inter-county seat road. The old road is not interfered with, but the new route is shorter to Main and Seventh streets and is a beautiful and perfectly level stretch of a quarter of a mile, eliminating the Gainesville hill, the dangerous First street crossing and other disadvantages to traffic.

The thoroughfare was opened at a cost of about \$250 for right of way. It removes no houses, but takes territory from the back ends of some vacant lots and at Seventh street conforms to the street plan of the Higgins addition. A part of the way it is only necessary to widen an alley.

FIFE BROTHERS EVANGELISTS

To Begin A Meeting At The Tabernacle Sunday April 15th.

The Fife Brothers, of Plymouth, Indiana, known as the "World's Most Musical Evangelists," are natives of Kentucky, having been born and reared a few miles from the native home of Abraham Lincoln. They belong to a family of preachers, and possess many distinctive qualities as evangelists that place their work above the ordinary.

They are Clyde Lee Fife, evangelist; Robt. S. Fife, assistant, Earl H. Fife, musical director, with Fred H. Kuhn advance man.

The Fife Brothers present a unique type of evangelism that meets the modern world upon its own ground, and by an exceedingly beautiful and attractive musical program, they first entertain, then interest, then instruct, and then in the most effective manner they lead on to a whole-hearted surrender to Christ.

At the Tabernacle April 15th.

Bowlers to Bowling Green.

A team of bowlers from this city will go to Bowling Green tomorrow night to play a return game with a team there. The Bowling Green team was recently defeated here. The game will be bowled under the rules and regulations of the American Bowling Congress Guide.

WILL RECOGNIZE RUSSIAN REGIME

United States Will Accept New Provisional Government Shortly.

REPORTS ARE FAVORABLE

Ambassador Cables Army and Navy Support Rodzianko and Milukoff.

Washington, March 21.—Early recognition by the United States of the new government set up by the revolution in Russia was forecast here in the belief that good order now prevailing and the plans being made for a permanent constitutional government call for the moral support of this country. All reports to the state department indicate that the army and navy are supporting the provisional government.

AMBASSADOR'S REPORT.

Ambassador Francis, at Petrograd, summarized the situation in the following cablegram:

"The last week has been the most astonishing revolution. Two hundred million people, who have lived under absolute monarchy for one thousand years and who now are engaged in the greatest war in history, have forced their emperor to abdicate for himself and his son and induced the brother, to whom was transferred imperial authority, to accept on condition that the constitutional assembly of people so wish and who will exercise power under authority of government framed by that assembly."

NO OPPOSITION IN COUNTRY.

"No opposition to provisional government, which is a council of ministers appointed by a committee of twelve named by the duma. Absolute quiet here and throughout Russia. Rodzianko and Milukoff assured whole army and navy support. Everything learned from unofficial sources and confirmed. Plan of provisional government is to call constituent assembly or convention whose members be elected by the whole people and who be empowered to organize good government. Whether republic or constitutional monarchy undecided, but conclusions of the assembly will be accepted by the people and enforced by the army and navy."

With each day that passes, the conviction increases that republican constitution Russia has come to stay.

DEATH CAUSED BY PARALYSIS

Victim of Attack Succumbs After Illness of Several Months.

Rufus Arnold died at his home near Crofton last Saturday morning, after an illness of several months of paralysis. He was 26 years old and is survived by a wife and four children. Mr. Arnold was a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Arnold, of near Manitou, Hopkins county, and interment was made near that place Sunday.

DIES EN ROUTE HOME.

Nashville, Tenn., Mar. 21.—Joseph Hamilton Thompson, leading citizen of Nashville in all its commercial and civic enterprises for many years, died Sunday morning of heart failure on the train just outside of Atlanta, Ga. He was returning from St. Petersburg, Fla., where he had spent a month's vacation on the advice of his physician.

Quarterly Meeting.

The second quarterly meeting of the Hopkinsville circuit will be held at Vaughn's chapel next Saturday and Sunday. A full attendance is desired.